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. S. R. PRESIDENT

While it has been widely circulated the press, Pacific wishes to an- unce the election of Rev. Stuart derson as president of Pacific hool of Religion. Dr. Anderson is stor of the great Long Beach urch, the second largest Congre- ional church on the Coast, and has t retired as moderator of the South- n California Conference. He is e of the youngest, if not the young- , presidents the school has ever had, t he comes with rare training and h experience. The school has pur- ased a house. Dr. Anderson will gin work about August 1. He will a tremendous asset for the religious e of this area and in particular for is Conference. President Ronald idges was given a farewell dinner June 9 and will soon return to his me in Maine for a period of rest d health recovering.

Local Ministers"

By action of the Conference, we Northern California are joining even other states in creating a third der of the ministry. Heretofore, e have had licensed ministers and dained ministers. The Conference d our associations have been in- sting upon full college and theolog- al seminary training before ordina- on. Only those engaged in regular udy looking toward ordination ac- ording to best procedure are entitled receive licenses. However, in this onference and in others, there have een men and women capable of doing ery valuable work for some of our urches that never could qualify edu- ationally for full ordination. It is ow possible for such people, after ue examination, to receive the status f local ministers with ordination lim- ed to their own parish, both as to eographical boundaries and the ength of their service. The Commit- ee on Ministerial Standing still has o work out procedures.

Centennial Sunday

The Centennial Fund has not come o an end. The Conference, meeting t Santa Cruz, voted enthusiastically nd unanimously that another Sunday e set aside, namely, September 24, or a new appeal to our churches. Some churches that have not given anything can still do their part, and others which have done their full part may go the second mile. Almost all Christian work and church support is possible because of second miles. Please put on your calendars Sep- tember 24, which, incidentally, is the hundredth anniversary of California's being a state. Material and literatur will be furnished. The Centennial Fund now stands at $65,132; and of this, less than $5,000 is in pledges. More than $60,000 came in as cash. Numbers of people who are able to give larger sums are expecting calls again this fall. It is possible to go over the top and to give Cazadero the money for that one central build- ing so sadly needed and to take on one or two more church extension projects in areas where no religious work is being done.

ANNUAL MEETING ECHOES

Rev. Philip G. Murray, of Oakland Plymouth, did a great job in pinch- hitting for President Ronald Bridges. His address on overcoming handicaps reminded one of the very famous ad- dress by Russell Conwell's "Acres of Diamonds," and yet it was very different.

The Oak Park Church choir drove all the way from Sacramento to Santa Cruz and were on time for the morn- ing service. Their music was excel- lent, adding much to the great service of worship. They took very effective part at the close of the Conference when they sang again. The whole Conference is proud of the choir of this new church.

Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier, in speaking at the Ministers' Luncheon, struck three high notes in what he sought when he was looking for min- isters. He wanted to find men for his churches who were God conscious, who were moved by the spirit of evan- gelism, and who were missionary minded. He showed how no man need expect to be effective in this day without those three indispensable ele- ments of a minister's life.

"The Thrust of the Missionary Dollar." As a drama it left much to be desired. One church delegation which was supposed to be looking for a minister and one minister who was supposed to be looking for a job failed to show up, so presumably they had settled their own problems; but the delegates and ministers at the Con- ference heard a vivid story of what the Conference, the Board of Home Missions, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions are doing. Many were heard to say, "That sure was an eye opener," and so it was.

Dr. Ruth Isabel Seabury was, of course, the heart of the Conference. Wherever and whenever she spoke, there was large attendance and deep- est interest. She told us of the thrill- ing opportunities in Japan and the hopes for the great Christian univer- sity. She took us quickly around the world, pointing to the open doors that are on every hand. She led us into our own spiritual insight by showing the mystery of the world-wide Christian fellowship. Delegates who traveled many hundreds of miles felt amply repaid and carried with them inspiration for many a day. Whether speaking to youth, to lay people, or to ministers, she is probably our great- est and most effective missionary interpreter.

As in previous years, the office staff had prepared a Sheaf of Reports, set- ting forth the widespread activities of the Conference. Some extra copies are available which members and min- isters may have by dropping a card to the Conference office. The treas- urer's report revealed an expanding program of the Conference, showing total assets and liabilities of well above $300,000. The Conference is greatly indebted to Mr. W. V. Howe, of the Alameda Church, the treasurer; to Mr. Paul K. Webster, of the San Mateo Church, our auditor; and to Mr. L. E. Best, of the Conference staff, our accountant, for the manner in which these reports were presented.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 21-29—Church and Home Insti- tutes.

June 22-26 — General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Cleveland, Ohio.

July 5-August 2—Pastors' School, La Foret, Colo.

August 4-9 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.

September 11-13 — Planning Confer- ence of Board of Directors and all Conference committees at Cazadero.

CITATION

"At the annual meeting of the Conference, held in Santa Cruz, a citation was given to Dr. Harley H. Gill in recognition of completion of twenty years of service as Superintendent. The citation was voted by acclamation at the banquet on Saturday night, and is published by request."—Hugh Vernon White, Retiring Moderator.

The Northern California Congregational Conference makes grateful ac- knowledgment of the completion of two decades of distinguished service by its Superintendent, the

REVEREND HARLEY HAYES GILL, D. D.

and rejoices to honor him for rich and varied accomplishments in that office.

A churchman of ecumenical spirit and missionary vision, he has been a member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and has served as its vice-president, and has sustained with energy the whole enter- prise of the Church at home and abroad.

A believer in the working validity of the Christian faith, he has stood steadfastly for a Christian social order, for abolition of racial pride and dis- crimination, for freedom of the pulpit under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and for Christian action in all matters of personal and social morality.

A pastor and preacher of the Gospel, he has built up congregations in spiritual strength and material resource and, as Superintendent of the Confer- ence, has been a friend of pastors, a leader trusted by laymen, and a recognized churchman of strength and wisdom in the councils of the Congregational Christian fellowship.

To HARLEY HAYES GILL, our friend and brother, we pay affectionate tribute at this ninety-fourth Annual Meeting of the Conference, thanking God for his full ministry and declaring our debt of gratitude for his contribution to the life of the Church Universal.

(Signed) HUGH VERNON WHITE, Moderator

Santa Cruz, Calif., May 27, 1950. For the Conference.

A CHURCH IS BORN

Another new Congregational Church has been born! Readers of Pacific have noted with interest the progress of the Mira Vista project lying within the City of El Cerrito and on the hills behind Richmond. On Sunday, June 5, the Upper Bay As- sociation met with the church and gave careful examination as to the progress that had been made and the opportunities that lie ahead and unan- imously voted to receive the church into fellowship.

In the evening there was a service of recognition in the building of the Presbyterian Church of the Redeem- er, which church, with its pastor, Rev. W. W. Prall, gave open-hearted hos- pitality. Supper was served, and Mr. Prall was organist for the evening. Rev. Williston Wirt, who had been a member of the sponsoring commit- tee from the beginning, gave the call to worship and the prayer of invoca- tion. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, Mod- erator of the Association, extended the right hand of fellowship which was responded to by Mr. Albert Brid- don, Chairman of the Board of Dea- cons of the Mira Vista Church. Rev. Herbert Dimock, of Antioch, offered the prayer of recognition. Superin- tendent Harley H. Gill gave a scrip- tural charge to the church, and Mr. H. Fisk Phelps, church Moderator, accepted the charge in behalf of the church. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, of Martinez, who had been the chairman of the sponsoring committee.

The first service of communion in the history of the church was led by the minister, Rev. Gifford M. Web- ster. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Charles Mickle, Moderator of the Bay Association, which associ- ation had surrendered a part of its territory in order that the new church might join the Upper Bay Association. Rev. C. George Kuhn, of Crockett, is the Association registrar.

The church has completed its or- ganization and is in process of incor- poration. It was freely predicted that other churches of the Association may well look to their laurels.

Mira Vista is one of the church extension projects jointly supported by the Board of Home Missions and the Northern California Conference. It was just eight months ago that the minister began work.

M. E. M.

The 37th annual conference of the Missionary Education Movement will be held at Asilomar, August 4 to 9. There will be classes in both the Home and Foreign missionary study books, besides periods devoted to methods and leadership. Registration fee is $2.50 and accommodations range from $4.00 to $6.00 per day. Detailed information may be secured from the Conference office.

With this issue, the Pacific takes a vacation for the months of July and August. We hope our readers will miss us and be more eager when we make our appearance in September to see what has been happening during the summer.

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GENERAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

As at present constituted, the delegation to the General Council will be as follows:

From the Conference at large: Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. Philip G. Murray, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Mrs. Scott Haymond, and Mrs. J. H. McCartney.

From the Santa Clara Association: Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, Mrs. L. K. Doty, and Mr. Bill Derrick.

From the Bay Association: Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. William E. McCormack, Mr. Charles McGonegal, Mrs. C. R. Claiborne, Mr. John H. Finger, and Rev. R. C. Norberg.

From the San Joaquin Association: Mrs. W. A. Conn.

From the Redwood Empire Association: Rev. Herbert C. Gans.

From the Sacramento Valley Association: Mr. George I. Linn and Rev. Hendrik Martynse.

From the Central Association: Mrs. E. B. Kientz.

From the Upper Bay Association: Mr. Nels F. Sanderson.

From the German Conference: Rev. Carl J. Maier and Mr. J. Heinrich.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill is a delegate by virtue of his office and is the chairman of the delegation. President Ronald Bridges, by virtue of his position, is a voting member of the Council. There will be others of our people in attendance, including Mrs. Gerald Catania, Dr. Claiborne, Mrs. McCormack and Mrs. Sanderson.

PLEASANT HILL BEGINS

The original charter member of the new Pleasant Hill project is a dear little girl weighing 6 pounds and 8 ounces that took up residence on April 24 with Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Carlson. They were in New Haven, Connecticut, at the time, but have accepted the leadership at Pleasant Hill. The three will be making the long trek from New England to California the latter part of June. They will take up residence in the new parsonage purchased by the Women's League of the First Congregational Church of Oakland, which is located at 1936 Lucille Lane. Already there has been widespread interest in the project by people living in the area. A Sponsoring Committee will be set up early in July and treasurer elected. Groups will begin to form and the enterprise will be under way.

"SOME MAN"

"Chickens come home to roost." Delegates who attended the Conference in Sacramento some years ago will recall the strictures raised by Rev. Herbert C. Gans against conferences that omitted the men from smaller churches from official responsibilities. The Petaluma Church is not exactly a small church, but neither is it a big one. The Northern California Conference certainly heaped responsibilities upon Mr. Gans. As Vice-President and acting chairman of the Board of Directors, he had the reports and recommendations of that Board to present. As Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Standing, he represented that important phase of our work; and to top it off, the Nominating Committee had made him its chairman. His own good humor about it all was accepted in like spirit by the people. There just isn't a shred of jealousy in our fellowship. We don't mind being a one-man Conference so long as affairs are in the hands of a man like Herb Gans.

CONFERENCE ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. Scott Haymond, who has served on the Conference Board, as president of the Federation of Congregational Women, and as a director of the Board of Home Missions, was elected Moderator for the ensuing year. Assistant Moderator will be Rev. Amos R. Boone, of Lodi.

The Board of Directors who will serve during the coming year including those elected at Santa Cruz and holdover members will be as follows:

Class of 1951: Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Stanley Marple, Rev. John H. Gregg, Mrs. James H. Price, Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, and Rev. Benton S. Gaskell.

Class of 1952: Mr. Harry E. Drobish, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mr. Charles G. Thompson, Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, and Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr.

Class of 1953: Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., Rev. Herbert C. Gans, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, Mrs. Charles E. Ward, Miss Amy Jensen, Rev. Christian Martin, and Mrs. Scott Haymond.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill was elected as Registrar.

Fraternal delegates to Southern California will be Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, and Rev. William W. Meyer.

The Committee on Ministerial Standing as now constituted is as follows:

Class of 1951: Rev. Holland F. Burr, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, and Rev. J. H. McCartney.

Class of 1952: Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, and Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop.

Class of 1953: Rev. William E. McCormack, Rev. Byron E. Eshelman, and Rev. Herbert C. Gans.

Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, Rev Mary McKee Chester, and Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe will be the visitors to Pacific School of Religion.

Our representatives to the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches are Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. H. Weldon Batty, Rev. T. Davis Preston, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, Rev. Williston Wirt, and Rev. William E. McCormack.

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors, the following persons were elected on the Executive Committee: Rev. Herbert C. Gans, President; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Vice President; Mrs. James H. Price, Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, Mr. Charles G. Thompson, Rev. Hugh Vernon White, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Rev. John C. Mickle, Jr., Mrs. Charles E. Ward, and Mrs. Scott Haymond. Mr. Peirce Coombes was elected a vice-president of the corporation.

FOR NATIONAL MODERATOR

First Church, Berkeley, and all of the Northern California Conference people are enthusiastic about the nomination of Rev. Vere V. Loper for moderator of the General Council. This nomination was made by a number of nationally known ministers and has been heartily seconded by a still larger number. At the 94th Annual Meeting of the Conference, a resolution endorsing Dr. Loper for this high office which he so richly deserves was adopted with applause. It is safe to say that the delegates of this Conference will unanimously vote for him.

SANTA ROSA ORDAINS

Mr. William E. Welch was ordained to the ministry in the First Church of Santa Rosa, of which he is pastor, on Tuesday evening, the 6th of June. He was examined in the afternoon by a vicinage council which voted unanimously and with great satisfaction for his ordination. In the evening, the service itself took place with Superintendent Harley H. Gill serving as moderator; Rev. R. C. W. Keeble, of Sebastopol, offering the prayer of invocation; Mr. Walter J. Vernon, of Cotati, reading the scripture; and Rev. Hugh Vernon White, of Pacific School of Religion, preaching the ordination sermon. Rev. William W. Meyer presented the statements of affirmation to which the candidate responded. Rev. Ralph D. Hyslop, of Pacific School of Religion, offered the ordination prayer. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Sidney H. Buckham; the charge to the church, by Rev. Herbert C. Gans, of Petaluma; and the right hand of fellowship, by Rev. James W. Montgomery, of Fairfax. The choir of the church gave beautiful and appropriate music. The evidences of the esteem and affection in which Mr. Welch is held by the Santa Rosa Church were numerous. The church itself is facing an era of expansion and relocation.

REV. HARVEY V. MILLER

A memorial service for Rev. Harvey V. Miller was held in the First Congregational Church of Alameda on Sunday afternoon, June 4. The Alameda Church choir furnished lovely music. Appropriate remarks were made by Dean Hugh Vernon White, of Pacific School of Religion, who had known Mr. Miller from seminary days; by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, of Martinez, and Rev. George Lindsay, of Oakland Pilgrim, both pastors of churches that Mr. Miller had served; by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and by Mr. Miller's pastor, Rev. Ralph V. Conard. Mr. Miller passed away on Sunday morning, May 21. Interment had been at Vancouver, Washington.

He was born June 15, 1881, in Hillsborough, Oregon, but while an infant moved with his parents to Vancouver, Washington. Following his graduation from high school, the family moved to Portland, Oregon, where he was preparing himself for the profession of law, but becoming interested in young people's work, decided to enter the ministry. While attending an academy in preparation for college, he served three home missionary churches for the Presbyterian denomination. He entered Whitman College and was pastor of nearby churches. In the meantime, he had married Miss Clara MacFarlane. Upon graduation, they moved to Mill Valley and while pastor there and later of the Boulevard Church in Oakland attended Pacific School of Religion. He was ordained in 1915. In 1917 he became pastor at Paradise, California, and about a year later was called to the First Congregational Church at Sacramento. More than any other one person, he was responsible for holding together that church at a time when it was threatened with disintegration. He became pastor in Alameda in 1921 and five years later was called to Martinez, where he served eight years. The last three years of his active ministry were at the Oakland Pilgrim Church, from which he retired due to ill health. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Clara M. Miller, two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren.

FOREST HILL

With the arrival of Rev. Horst Jeschke, the Forest Hill project San Francisco is now under way. Th St. John's E and R Church not on owns a strategic site in the Forest H area, but has purchased a home f the minister. Services of worship the home will be on June 18. Th church is unique in that it is to be federated church from the beginnin The program and the budget will under the direction of a joint co mittee. The Sunday School which w dropped some months ago will reopened. Plans for a new buildi will be pushed. Mr. Jeschke is a quainted with San Francisco for once served a church in San Brun and he has had experience in t development of a high-potential pr ject in the suburb of Houston, Texa

FRESNO, ZION — Rev. Christi Martin, pastor of this church, conduc an early morning Sunday service German over radio KGST. As Pacif goes to press, Zion Church is cel brating its 50th anniversary. Supe intendent Harley H. Gill preached th anniversary sermon on June 11. I the afternoon of the same day, the were anniversary addresses in bot German and English.

MARTINEZ — On Mother's Da six new members were received. Th class followed 42 new members o Palm Sunday. The plan of Livin Memorials is in operation with th dedication of a Book of Remembranc The fund resulting from gifts is t be used for the beauty of the buildin or the effectiveness of the work c the church. Rev. Donald F. Gaylor is pastor.

LODI, FIRST—The Men's Clu served a banquet for mothers an daughters and prepared a program fo the occasion. The church is furnish ing its full quota of teachers for th community vacation church schoo While Rev. A. R. Boone was attend ing the State Conference, the hig school youth under the leadership o Mr. Paul Bowers conducted the Sun day morning worship service.

ORINDA—Three hundred thirty seven persons attended the Youth Da exercises on May 28, held outdoors Rev. Fred R. Morrow, pastor, believe thoroughly in the Vacation Churc School plan and has set up one o the finest programs for such a schoo in our Conference for children from ages 5 through 13, to be held ever morning from June 19 to 30.

SUNOL — The Mission Covenan group which had been holding Sun day School has now surrendered th field so that both church and Sunda School will be Congregational. Five new members were received in May bringing the total to 44. Rev. Rober B. Whitaker has been with the church just about one year, and progress ha been nothing short of amazing.

ANOTHER GILL

We do not know his name; presumably, he will have one. Certainly a boy that weighs 9 pounds 15¼ ounces when he arrives in this world should not be long in getting a name. We do know that his last name is Gill, and that his father and mother are Rev. and Mrs. Clayton H. Gill, of Tulare. He has a two-year-old sister by the name of Martha Pearl; and, O yes, one other fact should not be overlooked, that he has a grandfather and grandmother who have considerable to do with the editing of the Pacific. The subject of this reference arrived in the early morning of June 4.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

HAYWARD—A new assistant min- r is coming to join the staff of Eden ngregational Church. He is Mr. rne Robinson, graduating this year n the Pacific School of Religion. has been president of the studen- ly during his senior year. A eparation for Marriage" course conducted by Rev. Richard Nor- g, the minister, on the five Wed- day evenings in May for youth of community. The Men's Club has own greatly this year with attend- e at the monthly meetings nearing 100 mark. Fifteen men from the urch spent a recent weekend at Caz- ro to aid in the construction of new swimming pool. Four couples' oups have been formed and are eting regularly. One of the most ive is the "Century Club" for cou- s whose combined ages exceed 100 rs! The Board of Trustees recent- voted to give a year's subscription the Pacific to each new family en joining the church.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST — On e last Sunday of May sixteen persons re received into membership. Rev. d Mrs. William R. McCormack, rents of Rev. William E. McCor- ack, pastor, have returned to their me after spending the winter in n Francisco and giving five months service to this church. Funds have en obtained which, together with lunteer labor, will provide some uch needed repairs. A beginning as been made in the parlor of the urch. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell of n Mateo will be the summer preach- during the vacation of the pastor.

COTATI—Mr. Walter J. Vernon as resigned to accept the call of the aticoy Church in Southern Califor- ia. He'll be leaving about July 1. Mr. Vernon has served this church early four years. He started as a udent, but the past year has been ll-time resident minister and has en- eared himself to a very large number f friends in the community and to is fellow ministers. He recently assed examination by the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing, ut will seek ordination in his new eld.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR —A beautifully printed bulletin made ts appearance with the month of May. The church council has accepted plans drawn by an architect for a Christian Education Center at an estimated cost of $41,500. Pledges totaling $23,000 have been made, and campaign for the balance is being pushed. Thirty- one members have been received thus far this year. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW—Rev. J. H. Bennett was ad- vised by his physician to take a month's vacation. He has returned, feeling better. Revised plans for the building are now before the Building Society in New York. Necessary legal papers have all been completed so that the beginning of construction on the new site is expected almost any day.

SAN CARLOS—A new lawn is growing about the church. More than $300 worth of shrubs, plants, and flowers have been set out under the direction of a landscape architect and sponsored by the 75 Club. Rev. Wel- don Batty, the minister, has been ill and has been granted a leave of absence until after the General Coun- cil, to which he is a delegate.

SAN JOSE—Seventy-five years of high service in the community was celebrated by the First Church, San Jose, on May 7, and during the week following. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached the anniversary sermon at the Sunday morning service. Im- mediately following, there was an hour of fellowship with new friends and old friends joining in free contact. The anniversary dinner was held on the Wednesday evening following, at which a brief sketch of the events of the church life was read and a spon- taneous skit presented by a number of the members. The main speaker was Rev. Fred F. Morrison, who was pastor of the church some years ago. The church has the distinction of having been founded by the famous Rev. Theodore T. Munger. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody has been the beloved leader for the past 12 years.

SAN MATEO—The Social Action Committee of the church is publishing a bulletin giving news and recommen- dations covering various issues of concern to Christian people. A num- ber of men have assisted one or more week-ends in the construction of the pool at Cazadero. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham was speaker at the Men's Club dinner in May. Seven members were received on the 7th day of May. Rev. Benton S. Gaskell, pastor, has been preparing a series of sermons on Bible ethics based on the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—With the passing of the month of June, this church comes to full self support. When the Rev. Herbert Dimock was called as full-time leader before the church was organized, a plan of auto- matic reduction of missionary aid was adopted. This has been according to schedule. A campaign is planned for September among members of the church and the community to care for the very sizable budget. Rev. J. Hood Snavely, the pastor, will be attending the Western Pastors' School at La Foret.

PETALUMA — Rev. Herbert C. Gans, pastor, is commenting on cur- rent events of local, state and national significance on a sponsored radio pro- gram every Friday night at 6:45 over KAFP. On the Sunday of the State Conference Mrs. Gans occupied the pulpit, preaching a remarkably fine sermon on "Expecting the Impos- sible." The editor of The Pacific wish- es he had room to print it.

SUISUN—Mr. Don Cassiday, who has served this church for two years, has accepted a call to Rialto in South- ern California. The church is fortunate in securing Rev. Gerald Larue, or- dained minister of the United Church of Canada. Mr. Larue is taking grad- uate work at Pacific School of Re- ligion. Under his leadership, the Methodist Church at Lincoln made great strides during the past year.

RIO VISTA—The sanctuary unit of the church plant, which had deter- iorated structurally to a danger point, has been razed to the ground. The church is using the rebuilt unit, fin- ished two years ago, but hopes to re-erect the sanctuary beginning this autumn. Rev. J. N. Bridges is pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST—Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor, was principal speak- er at the Montana State Conference. Eleven new members were received on the last Sunday of May.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM—During the Easter season the Pilgrim Players presented the drama, "The Terrible Meek," on two occasions. A large number of members traveled to Cazadero for a retreat on the week- end of May 6 and 7. Seven delegates besides the minister, Rev. George W. Lindsay, and his wife, attended the State Conference. At the annual meeting, which is now held in the spring, the clerk's report showed a substantial gain in membership in spite of the rather vigorous cleaning up of the rolls, the total now being 168. Rev. George Lindsay has shown himself a very capable leader in all departments and particularly with our Conference youth work. ery is the pastor.

FERNDALE — This church, which is a federation of Congregational and Methodist churches and is under the leadership of Rev. Robert W. Lewis, has published a mimeographed bro- chure entitled "The Federated News." In it, the pastor, the treasurer, the chairman of the Board of Control, su- perintendent of the Sunday School, the deacons, the youth fellowship, and the moderator have their say, setting forth the program of the church and challenging the people to go forward in a great program of progress and pointing out the significance of the Christian church and the opportunities that lie ahead.

KENWOOD-GLEN ELLEN—The Easter season was the most inspiring and satisfying in the history of these churches. There were services at both places. A cantata in the evening by combined choirs with Mrs. H. J. Loken, wife of the pastor, assisting as reader, was most enthusiastically re- ceived. A very large congregation celebrated Mother's Day. The Pilgrim Fellowship during the past six months has had religious motion pictures. The combined PF groups recently vis- ited Cotati. At least eight young people expect to go to Cazadero.

OAKLAND, FIRST — The 200th anniversary of the death of J. S. Bach was observed by special music by the choir and organist on May 21. Moth- ers and daughters of the church en- joyed a banquet with music program and candlelight service following. The reception room of the church has been beautifully redecorated and indirect lighting installed. Similar work is in progress in the social hall. Rev. Clar- ence Reidenbach is pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY ARMENIAN—This church has called Rev. Z. Boudakian, associate pastor of the New York Armenian Church. He was educated in France, and has a wife who is also trained theologically. They have one son. They will take up their work on August first, in time for the church to be ready to move into its new building on Sep- tember first.

SAN LORENZO—The social hall and its new kitchen were filled with 320 persons on the first Mothers' and Daughters' Dinner. Much work has been done and remains to be done in grading for roads, sidewalks, and in surfacing the same, and landscaping the entire property. A beautiful new sign has been installed. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH—Rev. Wil- liston Wirt is the newly elected presi- dent of the Berkeley Ministerial Fel- lowship. Seven new members were received on May 14 into the church.

AUBURN — The 75th anniversary of the founding of this church was observed on Sunday, May 7, with Rev. William F. Keeney, pastor, preaching at the morning service. In the afternoon, there was an anniver- sary tea and a vesper service. Letters had gone to oldtimers, and their re- sponses were mimeographed in a sheaf of reports which made very interesting reading and showed the firm hold on the affections of people which the church had gained. As is true with so many churches, Superintendent Warren had much to do with the beginnings. The church has been served by 13 pastors, among whom Rev. Grant Schaeffer gave the longest period of leadership.

STOCKTON—At the May "family church night" dinner, which happened to be on the occasion of the wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Noel J. Breed, there was concealed in the anniversary cake a check designated toward the purchase of a new car. Additional gifts brought the total to more than $1,100. It was exceedingly welcome, since the speedometer on the old car shows more than 160,000 miles. It was the 36th wedding anni- versary. Dr. Breed has been pastor in Stockton since 1933. The gift is a fitting testimony to the affection in which the minister and his wife are held.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE—The annual church picinc will be held July 2 in Tilden Park in the East Bay district. Free bus trans- portation will be provided. One of the young men of the church did some very neat and much-needed let- tering of signs for the Annual Meet- ing of the Northern California Con- ference. The annual Sunday School picnic was held on May 20. Mr. Dave Colburn, who has been general assistant in the Sunday School, has closed his work and was presented with a nice gift. Rev. B. Y. Leong is pastor.

REDWOOD CITY—The Women's Fellowship voted to pay the registra- tion fee for all young people who would go to Cazadero. An all-church picnic is to be held at Memorial Park on June 18. Dr. Klavs Metra, a recent DP sponsored by the Redwood City Church, has sailed for Guam, where he is to be in charge of a hospital. Thus one more of the un- fortunate people whom we are helping has found a place where he can be of high service. Rev. Gale W. Engle is pastor.

BENICIA—Mr. C. T. Gustafson, pastor, reported that with the new class received June 4, the church has now reached the 200 mark in mem- bership. Congratulations to Benicia and the pastor. New doors have been purchased for the main entry of the church. Graduates in the high school were honored at the service on June 11. The officers of the church had a retreat one week-end not long ago at Cazadero.

ALAMEDA—At the annual meet- ing of the church reports showed the membership at 390. Rev. Ralph V. Conard had made 527 parish calls during the year. Besides carrying a full program and providing the sup- port for the same, a rehabilitation sum of about $9,000 had been raised, with which very many needful improve- ments have been made. The redeco- ration of the sanctuary has made it a place of real beauty.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The next regular meeting of the Federation will be held after the summer vacation, AUGUST 17, 1950, at First Congregational Church, Oakland.

"SPRING SESSION"

"Spring Session," sponsored by the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, brought inspiration and knowledge or "know-how" to the 80 women who registered at Congregational Cazadero, May 1-3.

With the theme, "Building Together," Mrs. W. B. Buckham, the Federation's own President; Mrs. Gail Cleland, Vice President; and Mrs. Faith Drobish, Association President of the Sacramento Valley area, were the leaders to bring practical helps on conducting meetings, planning programs and devotions, and strengthening the spiritual life of the individual woman as well as that of the groups.

Miss Elizabeth McGuffie, Associate Secretary of Women's Work, nationally, was the out-of-state faculty member. She came from Chicago expecting to find sunny weather in California. It was her first trip to the Coast, and she was thrilled with everything in spite of the cold and rain. With "Our Christian World Mission" as her subject, she gave an over-all picture of the work of the Congregational Fellowship as carried on through the National Boards.

Her special object was to "tease," encourage, and inspire the women listening to her to study the Bible. The early history of the church was presented under such intriguing subjects as "What Are We to Do?" and "Come, Let Us Return to Visit the Brethren"; but she went far afield into Jeremiah, Isaiah, and James, too.

Those who heard her will be remembering for years the soul-uplifting poetry and other readings given by Mrs. Ruth Edwards. On the first night she asked, "How do you meet a problem? Do you meet it head-on, sidestep it, or just drift along?" Her evening reflections and morning thoughts were equally inspiring.

Those concerned with the comforts and happiness of all who were there certainly met their problems head-on and in a most satisfying manner. Mr. Otto Kuhns, camp manager, had everything in order for our women and even moved the dining room to the porch of the dormitory building when it rained and brought the food down from the kitchen. The commissary department was taken care of in an excellent manner by Mrs. C. F. Alexander, who gave her services, as did Mrs. Claud Higgins last year. Mrs. Scott Haymond, Chairman of the Committee for "Spring Session" was here, there, and everywhere, smiling, never weary, keeping all machinery oiled and running smoothly.

Mrs. Sidney Buckham led a group of "booted" nature lovers on a hike to the bowl, Vesper Point, and the waterfall. And last but not least, Mrs. Williston Wirt did a fine job of getting everyone acquainted and led the community singing.

—Reported by Mrs. James Cooper.

P. S.—Your correspondent was not at Cazadero but she appreciated the cards and messages which she received from some of those who were there. One card said, "We have had a treasure box full of colored gems! It has been good for eight of us, most of whom have had no conception of our Federation's wide range of influence and activity." Another was a card with a picture of one of the big redwoods in Armstrong Woods near Guerneville. On the other side was written, "Does this bring you a bit of inspiration from our mountaintop? You say that you will never see a poem lovely as a tree.

"You'll take this 'pome' and like it, see—
'Cause I ain't gonna send no tree.
Just the picture."

Your correspondent was the fraternal lay delegate to the Southern Conference and found it a most rewarding experience. Before going on to San Diego, she spent three days with relatives in Santa Barbara and then was met in Glendale on Sunday evening, May 7, by Miss Dorothy Keyes Winslow, the President of the Women's Fellowship, who introduced her to Mr. Lyman Crossman, whom she has since married.

They then went to San Gabriel, where friends were entertaining at a dinner party celebrating a couple of birthdays. Before the evening was over, the happy couple received a lovely wedding present, their first.

Monday morning, Miss Winslow picked up two more passengers, Mrs. Bess Wight and Miss Sue Barnwell, both former presidents, and drove down to LaJolla where the four ladies were entertained at luncheon in a beautiful home overlooking the bay. A drive around San Diego and across the ferry to Coronado was thoroughly enjoyed in the afternoon.

Tuesday and Wednesday were filled with Conference sessions. It was a large group from a large Conference area including Arizona, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas, and Las Vegas, Nevada, as well as Southern California. The reports were interesting, and the speakers were challenging. We had the privilege and honor of sitting between Dr. David McKeith of Boston, and Dr. Nelson Dreier at the banquet on Tuesday night. The speakers were Dr. Robert A. Millikan, who spoke on "The Two Supreme Elements in Human Progress," and Dr. Harlev H. Gill, who spoke on "California's Spiritual Centennial." Once more we were proud of our Superintendent.

On Wednesday afternoon the women had a happy hour together with Miss Winslow presiding and introducing the fraternal delegate and then Miss Betty McGuffie, Associate Secretary of Women's Work for our national fellowship. It was lovely to see her again, and everyone enjoyed her fine address on "Prophets Without Portfolio."

The 94th Annual Meeting of the Conference held in Santa Cruz, May 26-28, was a very fine occasion in true Congregational tradition. The women's party luncheon held in the Garden Room of the Casa del Rey Hotel at the beach was attended by nearly 300. The decorations of lovely red roses were provided under the direction of Mrs. Chris Thomsen, Association President of the Santa Clara area women, as were beautiful corsages for the guests of honor. The speaker was Miss Elsie M. Farris, Long Beach, attorney, and Chairman of the West Coast Commission for our American Board work in Mexico. Miss Farris took us with her on an airplane trip to our mission stations in the Philippines, Japan, China, India, Turkey, Lebanon, and Syria. Bishop Rodriguez, of the Philippines, summed up the purpose of the work of missions when he said, "You were not called to follow the world, but to change it." There are opportunities unlimited if we Christians will give twenty-five cents a week to our missionary work. The world CAN be changed! Miss Farris closed her wonderful address by asking, "SHALL we do it?"

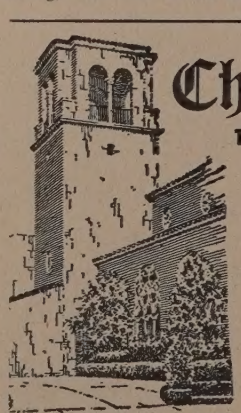
Really Very Good

A very splendid increase during the month of May brought the totals for the first five months of the year $3,000 above the like period a year ago. This is especially welcome since the summer months sometimes bring their problems, and the increases of opportunity constantly challenge us to meet them. If such an increase were to continue, without any question we could launch one more new church. The thanks of the Board of the Conference are extended to all our churches and their people.

	Jan. 11 to May 31, '49	Jan. 11 to May 31, '50
Alameda	$ 455.98	$ 510.70
Alturas	57.10	48.56
Angels Camp	256.48	68.41
Antioch	92.74	151.96
Auburn	132.16	50.00
Benicia	———	26.00
Berkeley, Arlington	199.67	282.41
Chinese	———	25.07
First	4,241.16	5,398.71
North	550.10	612.75
Northbrae	276.17	400.00
South	513.55	449.03
Biola	47.68	46.08
Campbell	177.02	298.97
Cedarville	46.43	32.10
Cloverdale	80.60	63.55
Cotati	62.50	50.01
Crockett	32.03	70.61
Dinuba	2.00	1.00
Eagleville	7.36	13.38
Elk Grove	33.64	67.14
Etna	44.90	40.59
Eureka	556.56	592.29
Fairfax	75.00	115.80
Ferndale	183.40	129.47
Fowler	50.00	———
Fresno, First	2,035.20	1,968.09
Free Cross	———	323.84
Japanese	———	61.25
Zion	66.08	———
Glen Ellen	34.23	99.50
Guerneville	36.95	151.84
Hayward	1,011.40	1,247.38
Kenwood	57.70	33.67
Likely	7.13	———
Lodi, Ebenezer	299.30	96.52
First	1,731.97	1,400.73
Loleta	23.41	8.41
Loomis	100.00	———
Martinez	848.47	867.98
Modesto	64.06	40.37
Murphys	———	5.00
Niles	113.50	24.30
Oakland, Beth. Armen.	71.57	———
First	2,627.83	2,291.27
Fruitvale	67.41	———
Japanese	30.00	———
New Pilgrim	38.44	201.57
Plymouth	1,107.34	780.91
Orinda	560.28	410.9
Oroville	154.12	250.0
Pacific Grove	50.00	75.8
Palo Alto	1,868.13	1,725.5
Paradise	266.50	325.0
Parlier	———	15.0
Penngrove	20.25	99.5
Pescadero	———	26.4
Petaluma	525.00	500.0
Pittsburg	156.95	232.3
Port Chicago	51.10	5.0
Porterville	754.00	700.0
Redwood City	531.84	674.9
Reedley, Finnish	15.00	———
Rio Vista	80.00	50.0
Ripon	208.62	163.3
Sacramento, Pioneer	1,087.00	1,438.0
Sierra Arden	116.00	137.2
Salida	26.53	31.2
San Carlos	430.00	700.0
San Francisco—		
Bethany Miss. Park	62.20	68.1
Calvary Armenian	30.00	———
Chinese	———	26.5
First	621.02	1,130.8
Ocean View	50.00	50.0
Park Presidio	281.27	493.5
Sanger	66.33	28.8
San Jose	1,118.89	893.3
San Leandro	143.00	121.8
San Lorenzo	15.75	17.6
San Mateo	1,750.00	2,500.0
San Rafael	14.70	52.1
Santa Cruz	654.87	642.6
Santa Rosa	113.52	180.7
Saratoga	273.34	268.9
Sebastopol	185.58	324.6
Sonoma	59.01	138.0
Soquel	25.82	40.1
Stockton	1,044.15	720.3
Suisun	57.50	40.0
Sunnyvale	198.06	42.2
Sunol	———	86.0
Tulare	705.00	840.0
Weaverville	50.00	100.0
Woodside	29.00	94.3
Reno, Nevada	318.27	355.6
Miscellaneous	628.61	195.0
Pilgrim Fellowship	———	996.7
Totals	$33,943.43	$37,156.6

PERSONALITY EVALUATION

W. Edgar Gregory, formerly Director of Research and Survey for the Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches and now Associate Professor of Psychology at the College of the Pacific, will direct a Workshop in Personality Evaluation at the College this coming summer according to a recent announcement by the Dean of the Summer Sessions. The workshop, designed for non-psychologists whose professional work demands some knowledge of psychology, will have a limited enrollment and each applicant will have to be reviewed by the staff before admission. Gregory says he hopes the enrollment will be fairly evenly proportioned between ministers, teachers, and business executives. The workshop will be a part of the Second Summer Session, July 24 to August 25, at the College of the Pacific, but those enrolled will devote all their time to the workshop which will grant 4 units graduate credit.



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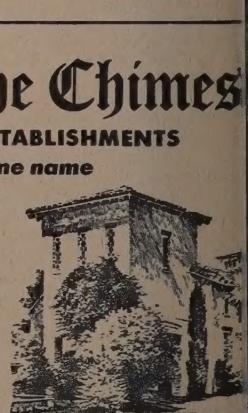

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